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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER'S VIEWS ON WESTERN OR NATO SUMMIT PRIOR  
TO CSCE FINALE

IN CONVERSATION ON MARCH 20, I ASKED PRIME MINISTER THORN  
FOR HIS REACTION TO THE PROPOSAL THAT A NATO SUMMIT BE  
HELD IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE CSCE SUMMIT. THORN SAID  
THAT HE HAD EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSAL WHEN  
APPROACHED BY FRG CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT ON THE IDEA AT THE  
EC SUMMIT IN DUBLIN LAST WEEK. IF WESTERN COORDINATION  
ON CSCE ISSUES IS NEEDED, THERE IS INSUFFICIENT TIME  
FOR THIS AT A ONE-DAY NATO SUMMIT THE DAY BEFORE THE  
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CSCE SUMMIT. IF NO ADDITIONAL COORDINATION IS NECESSARY,

THERE IS NO NEED FOR A NATO SUMMIT IN HELSINKI THAT WOULD TEND TO DRAMATIZE RESULTS THORN PERSONALLY BELIEVES ARE MINIMAL. THORN SAID THAT HE WOULD MUCH PREFER THAT COORDINATION OF NATO MEMBERS' POSITIONS, EVALUATION OF CSCE SECOND STAGE RESULTS AND NATO MEMBERS' RESPONSE TO THE BREZHNEV INVITATION ALL BE DECIDED AT THE NATO SPRING MINISTERIAL ON MAY 29-30. HE AGREED WITH THE NEED FOR THE WESTERN GOVERNMENTS TO EXPLAIN THE CSCE RESULTS TO DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION, BUT ADDED THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD BE UNOPPOSED FOR WEEKS IN PROPAGANDA FIELD IF THE WESTERN ALLIES HAD TO WAIT FOR THE RESULTS OF A NATO SUMMIT TO BE HELD IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE CSCE SUMMIT. THORN ADDED THAT THE NATO FOREIGN MINISTER SHOULD FINALIZE COMMON POSITIONS AT THE END OF MAY, ALLOWING THE WESTERN ALLIES AT LEAST A MONTH TO EXPLAIN THE RESULTS TO PUBLIC OPINION BEFORE THE PURELY FORMAL CSCE SUMMIT IS HELD.FARKAS

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